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## MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES INCREASE

The January 1, 2011, Minnesota farm real estate value, including all land and buildings, averaged \$3,350 per acre, up \$360 from 2010, and up \$480 from 2009. Minnesota cropland value increased 13.5 percent, to \$3,200 per acre, and pasture value, at \$1,400 per acre, remained the same as 2010.

### U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

The United States farm real estate value, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$2,350 per acre for 2011, up 6.8 percent from 2010. Regional changes in the average value of farm real estate ranged from a 15.9 percent increase in the Corn Belt region to a 2 percent decline in the Southeast region. The highest farm real estate values remained in the Northeast region at \$4,690 per acre. The Mountain region had the lowest farm real estate value, \$923 per acre.

The United States cropland value increased by \$260 per acre (9.4 percent) to \$3,030 per acre. In the Northern Plains and Corn Belt regions, the average cropland value increased 17.2 and 16 percent, respectively, from the previous year. However, in the Northeast and Southeast regions, cropland values decreased by 1.3 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively.

The United States pasture value increased to \$1,100 per acre or 1.9 percent above 2010. The Southeast region had the largest percentage decrease in pasture value, 8.4 percent below 2010. The Corn Belt and Northern Plains regions had the highest percentage increase, both 6.6 percent above 2010.

### FARM REAL ESTATE: AVERAGE VALUE PER ACRE, BY SELECTED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2007-2011

STATES	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
MINNESOTA	2,700	2,970	2,870	2,990	3,350
WISCONSIN	3,640	3,850	3,750	3,750	4,050
IOWA	3,370	3,950	3,850	4,500	5,600
NORTH DAKOTA	650	770	780	850	980
SOUTH DAKOTA	770	920	890	970	1,100

**CROPLAND RENTED FOR CASH: AVERAGE CASH RENT PER ACRE,  
BY SELECTED STATES, 2008-2011**

STATES	2008	2009	2010	2011
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
MINNESOTA	109.00	113.00	121.00	135.00
WISCONSIN	85.00	87.00	92.00	99.00
IOWA	170.00	175.00	176.00	196.00
NORTH DAKOTA	42.50	45.50	46.50	51.50
SOUTH DAKOTA	64.00	71.50	71.50	78.00

**PASTURE RENTED FOR CASH: AVERAGE CASH RENT PER ACRE,  
BY SELECTED STATES, 2008-2011**

STATES	2008	2009	2010	2011
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
MINNESOTA	21.00	22.50	24.00	21.50
WISCONSIN	36.00	36.00	32.00	32.00
IOWA	42.00	43.00	40.00	46.00
NORTH DAKOTA	13.50	14.00	13.00	13.50
SOUTH DAKOTA	16.00	17.00	16.00	16.00

**HIRED WORKERS UP 16 PERCENT IN LAKE REGION; WAGE DOWN 35 CENTS  
FROM ONE YEAR AGO**

There were 74,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin) the week of July 10-16, 2011. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$10.75 per hour during the July 2011 survey week, down 35 cents from July 2010. The number of hours worked averaged 36.7 for hired workers during the survey week, compared with 34.4 hours in July 2010. In Minnesota, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the week, compared to 5.2 days during the 2010 reference week. During the week, Minnesota experienced intermittent rain and thunderstorms throughout the state.

**WORKERS ON FARMS, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS,  
LAKE REGION AND UNITED STATES, JULY 2011**

	Lake Region <sup>1/</sup>			United States <sup>2/</sup>		
	July 11-17 2010	January 9-15 2011	July 10-16 2011	July 11-17 2010	January 9-15 2011	July 10-16 2011
<b>Workers on Farms Hired Workers <sup>3/</sup></b>	1,000 Workers					
	64	45	74	885	602	836
	Hours Per Week					
<b>Hours Worked Hired Workers <sup>3/</sup></b>	34.4	36.0	36.7	40.7	38.9	41.3
<b>Workers By Work Type</b>	Dollars Per Hour					
	Field	11.09	11.76	10.33	10.09	10.23
	Livestock	9.47	10.45	10.24	10.15	10.52
	Field & Livestock	10.45	10.90	10.30	10.11	10.35
	All Workers <sup>3/</sup>	11.10	11.85	10.75	10.79	11.29

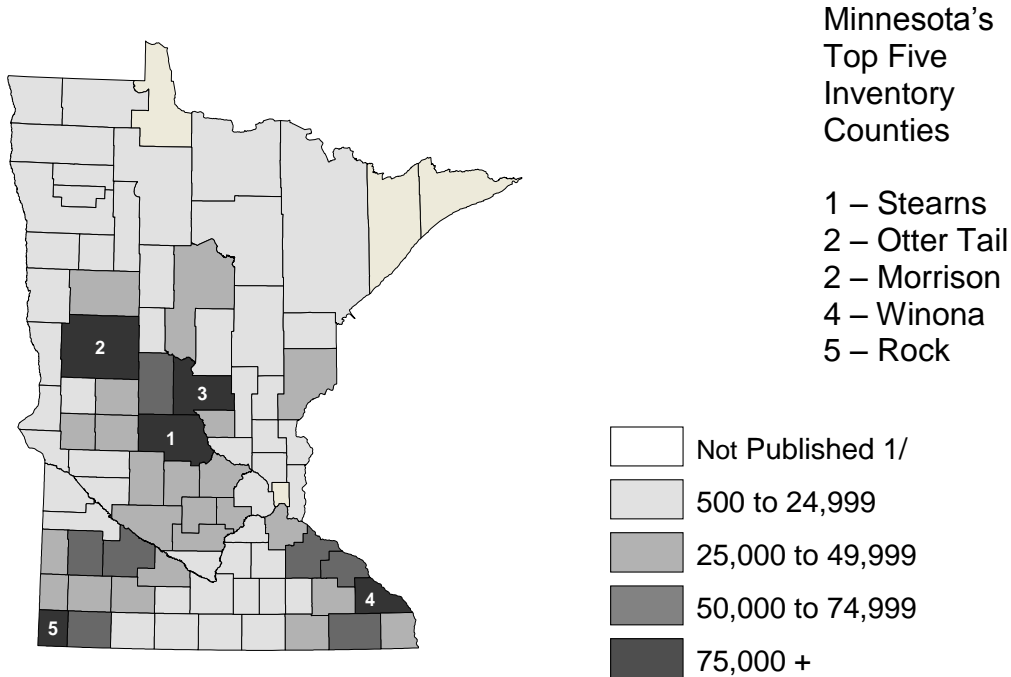
<sup>1/</sup> Lake Region = Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes Alaska.

<sup>3/</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers.

**ALL CATTLE & CALVES**  
**Number of Head,**  
**January 1, 2011**

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1/ Data published in combined counties or districts to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 8 PERCENT**

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on August 1, 2011. The inventory was 8 percent above August 1, 2010. This is the third highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. **Placements** in feedlots during July totaled 2.15 million, 22 percent above 2010. This is the highest placement total for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.09 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 625,000, 600-699 pounds were 405,000, 700-799 pounds were 498,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 625,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million, slightly above 2010. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. **Other disappearance** totaled 67,000 during July, 40 percent above 2010.

**CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, BY MONTH,  
STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2010-2011 1/**

State	August 1, 2010 1,000 Head	July 1, 2011 1,000 Head	August 1, 2011		
			Number 1,000 Head	as % of 2010 Percent	as % of July Percent
AZ	248	287	289	117	101
CA	435	470	480	110	102
CO	890	1,000	970	109	97
ID	190	215	195	103	91
IA	560	590	560	100	95
KS	2,040	2,030	2,180	107	107
NE	1,960	2,020	1,980	101	98
OK	335	350	360	107	103
SD	200	210	195	98	93
TX	2,520	2,700	2,860	113	106
WA	163	197	190	117	96
Other States	339	379	367	108	97
US	9,880	10,448	10,626	108	102

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## JULY EGG OUTPUT DOWN 1 PERCENT IN STATE

Minnesota layers produced 239 million eggs during July 2011, versus 242 million in July 2010, a decrease of one percent. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.74 billion eggs in July, equal to a year ago.

### POULTRY STATS – JULY

		2010	2011
Total Eggs Produced	MN	242 Mil.	239 Mil.
	U.S.	7,719 Mil.	7,735 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.3 Mil.	10.1 Mil.
	U.S.	339.9 Mil.	335.8 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,346	2,364
	U.S.	2,271	2,304
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (July)			
Egg-Type	U.S.	38.1 Mil.	37.4 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	801.7 Mil.	770.4 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (August 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	8.0 Mil.	9.2 Mil.
	U.S.	33.4 Mil.	37.1 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	30.1 Mil.	28.1 Mil.
	U.S.	649.4 Mil.	610.2 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (July)	U.S.	26.2 Mil.	24.8 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (August 1)	U.S.	27.9 Mil.	28.2 Mil.

\*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

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## JULY MILK OUTPUT DOWN 6.6 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 735 million pounds, the state's July milk production was down 6.6 percent from July 2010.

Output per cow was 1,560 pounds in July, down 115 pounds from last July. Milk cows for July averaged 471,000 head, unchanged from June but up 1,000 head from one year ago.

July 2011 milk output in the 23 major states was 15.4 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from July 2010. Milk cows in the 23 major states totaled 8.47 million head, up 93,000 from the previous year. At 1,824 pounds, production per cow was down 5 pounds from July 2010.

### JUNE/JULY 2011 MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	June	July	June	July
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,513	3,550	103.5	104.4
Idaho	1,133	1,193	105.6	104.8
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>93.4</b>
New York	1,080	1,092	100.0	99.8
Pennsylvania	878	880	97.8	96.8
Wisconsin	2,201	2,187	98.0	96.5
23 States	15,389	15,445	101.3	100.8

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